

KRISTINE CHAVOYA-OLIVAS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kristine Chavoya-Olivas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kristine Chavoya-Olivas is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kristine Chavoya-Olivas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kristine Chavoya-Olivas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LET EVERYONE GET INVOLVED IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONAL SERVICE ACT

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, the American Legion is the largest veterans service organization in the United States. Originally chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919, the American Legion has consistently advocated for our nation's servicemembers and their families for 100 years. In that time, the American Legion has fostered a community of support for our men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

Currently, only veterans who served during formally recognized periods of hostilities are eligible to join the Legion. Therefore, I am introducing the bipartisan LEGION Act, which will enable all veterans who have fought for our country to join and enjoy the benefits of the American Legion. Specifically, the bill expands membership eligibility to veterans who have served honorably in unrecognized periods of conflict since World War II. This bill recognizes and thanks our brave servicemembers and veterans for their service to our country.

## HONORING STEVE SANDERS

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Steve Sanders of The Woodlands, Texas in recognition of his dedication and service to our community and the State of Texas.

This marks the 25th year that Steve has worked with The Woodlands Chamber of

Commerce. In this capacity, Steve has labored tirelessly to promote the local businesses of The Woodlands and developed leadership projects within the community.

In addition to his distinguished service to the Chamber of Commerce, Steve has dedicated his life to the well-being of others through his work as a healthcare professional. For 32 years, Steve worked with the Memorial Hermann Health System (MHHS) to strengthen the medical community's commitment to and treatment of patients. 20 of those years were spent serving as CEO of the Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was recognized for his exceptional leadership in generating grassroots activity and was presented the Grassroots Champion Award for Texas.

Steve has also served on several non-profit boards in our community and has spearheaded many successful charity events. In recognition of his efforts, Steve has been the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award, the Martin Luther King Drum Major Award, the Home Town Hero of The Woodlands Award, and the Interfaith of The Woodlands Service of Excellence Award for Health—all prestigious and distinguished honors that demonstrate his commitment to his community.

During his years spent in the medical field, Steve developed a deep understanding of the challenges faced by cancer survivors—both in our community and across the nation. This inspired him to cultivate "The Canopy", the foremost cancer survivorship center in the Houston area. This development offers a wide variety of programs and services designed specifically for cancer survivors and their families to address their emotional, physical, and social needs. The Canopy is a revolutionary, innovative center that offers free services to those in need while educating the public on the signs of cancer and how to reduce its risks—all of this simply would not have been possible without Steve's passion, vision, and guidance.

Steve Sanders is someone The Woodlands is incredibly proud to call one of our own. Though his career has been a long and successful one, what I most admire in Steve is his deep passion for helping others and empowering those in and around any community with whom he is associated. On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Texas, I want to thank Steve for all he does for our community and for our country.

ASHLEY CORIA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ashley Coria for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ashley Coria is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ashley Coria is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ashley Coria for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2018-2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nominees for the 2018-2019 Prince William County Public Schools Teacher of the Year Award. Teachers who meet the criteria for the award are those who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve, understand the individual needs of students, demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter, and have the ability to share it effectively. The selected winner will be named the Prince William County Teacher of the Year.

As the second largest school division in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Prince William County Public Schools educates 90,000 students in ninety-eight schools. The impact of these teachers is apparent as PWCS is ranked the highest in the entire state with their on-time graduation rate.

Each Teacher of the Year Award nominee exhibits excellence in teaching by serving as an effective leader in and out of the classroom, fostering strong rapport with parents and peers and providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students to learn and develop.

I extend my personal congratulations to the following nominees for the 2018-2019 Prince William County Teacher of the Year Award:

Simon Bhagwandeem, Potomac High School; Leslie Browngold, Gravely Elementary School; Marianne Burns, Patriot High School; Garrett Carlson, Colgan High School; Pamela Clute, Potomac High School; Jennifer Diehl, Buckland Mills Elementary School; Gail Drake, Battlefield High School; Gail Drake, Battlefield High School.

Julie Faith, Stonewall Jackson High School; Lauren Fenner, Swans Creek Elementary School; Amanda Grant, Ashland Elementary School; Amy Hardt, Buckland Mills Elementary School; Elizabeth Hoffmann, The Nokesville School; Carl Hood, Alvey Elementary School; Kristen Keskel, Ashland Elementary School; Jennifer Kimble, Graham Park Middle School; Kathy Lamont, Antietam Elementary School; Pamela Lansberry, King Elementary School; Christy Lazer, Bull Run Middle School; Elizabeth McKeown, Pennington Traditional School; Ashley Meyer, T. Clay Wood Elementary School.

Melissa Morgan, Chris Yung Elementary School; Jeanie Noel, Freedom High School; Norman Pattarozzi, Osbourn Park High School; Emily Ramirez, Brentsville District High School; Rebecca Schelling, Antietam Elementary School; Brian Shepard, Battlefield High School; David Shuler, Battlefield High School; John Spaulding, Independence Non-traditional School; Jennifer Tallman, Lake

Ridge Middle School; Crystal Watt, Ashland Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the nominees for the Prince William County Public Schools 2018–2019 Teacher of the Year Award and in thanking them for their dedication to our children. Their continued service will ensure that Prince William County Public Schools students continue to receive a world-class education in a vibrant learning environment.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASSAGE OF  
THE HOUSE RESOLUTION  
AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM, BIG-  
OTRY AND HATRED

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, Congress made clear that there is no place for anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim, or any other hate-based rhetoric in America. In doing so, we are echoing the words of George Washington who pledged to the Jewish community in Newport, Rhode Island, that ‘the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.’

The language of anti-Semitism is often subtle, but it is very painful to Jewish Americans: they hear the implied threat and the ‘othering’ of them as Americans. We all must be mindful of the impact of our words. All hatred on the basis of religion is abhorrent, including the suggestion that all Muslims are terrorists or that Catholics owe allegiance to the Pope, accusations that have tarnished our political discourse in recent memory.

We are currently witnessing an alarming spike in anti-Semitic rhetoric and hate crimes. Just a few months ago, we witnessed the deadliest attack on American Jews in our nation’s long history, with 11 worshippers murdered while praying at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. In my community in New York City, we’ve had a 72 percent increase in hate crimes against Jews with Jewish men being attacked and beaten on the street; schools and walls defaced with Nazi symbolism; and synagogues vandalized. Elsewhere in the U.S., attacks on Jews are growing.

Last year, we heard the shameful chants of white supremacists in Charlottesville saying, ‘Jews will not replace us.’ Recently, we’ve heard the suggestion that Israel hypnotizes the world into overlooking its actions. We’ve heard that pro-Israel groups purchase U.S. support for Israel, as if the only reason American politicians would support Israel is campaign contributions and not because of our shared values and interests. We’ve heard the ancient anti-Semitic trope of dual loyalties—one that goes back thousands of years.

Words and ideas lead to action. Anti-Semitic language and hate-filled rhetoric have no place in this country and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms, which is why I was proud to join my colleagues in voting for today’s resolution.

But we also need to be proactive, and not just reactive, in our fight to combat hate and

anti-Semitism, which is why I have introduced the Never Again Education Act, H.R. 943, so that all Americans can learn about the Holocaust and the impact of anti-Semitism. We must do everything we can to eliminate anti-Semitism in the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAM VET-  
ERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 17

**HON. SUSIE LEE**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) from Chapter 17 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

I foremost acknowledge their service to our country as veterans of one of the nation’s deadliest wars. These brave men and women answered our nation’s call to serve without hesitation and with the utmost commitment to service and country. Upon returning from this war, they continued their service to their brothers and sisters in arms by becoming active members of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

VVA members in southern Nevada and across the country are dedicated to improving their communities and the lives of their fellow veterans. From supplying wheelchairs to Las Vegas area veterans with disabilities, to providing countless resources to homeless veterans—including job training, providing showers and haircuts, VVA goes above and beyond in serving their community. They also advocate for their fellow returning service members, helping them with Department of Veterans Administration disability claims and appeals assistance. These forms of aid are the bedrock of their continued commitment to service of both community and their fellow veterans.

Their duty to serving their country is unwavering, and our duty to them is as well. We all are responsible to care for every veteran and servicemember as they have cared for us. No veteran should be without adequate health care, housing, or employment. Health benefits need to extend to mental health services and suicide prevention, along with benefits for Vietnam veterans suffering from the effects of Agent Orange. After service, veterans become teachers, police officers, mechanics, and more, which requires the best job training and education to set them up for success. This is our duty as citizens and elected officials, and we must do our best to uphold our end of the deal.

The positive impact and influence of the VVA Chapter 17 extends as far as the mountains that encircle the Las Vegas Valley and as close as the lives they touch through their public works. In an area with a population of hundreds of thousands of veterans, we should be so lucky to count these individuals amongst our friends and advocates.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing VVA Chapter 17 for their commitment to service, to country, and to improving the lives of countless veterans of the Las Vegas Valley.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF LEIDOS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 8, 2019*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Chairman/CEO Roger Krone and the 32,000 employees of Leidos on the occasion of the company’s 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1969 by Dr. J. Robert Beyster as Science Applications Incorporated (SAI), the company that would become Leidos was a result of Dr. Beyster’s lifelong commitment to innovation. Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1924 and raised in the midst of the Great Depression, Dr. Beyster watched as his family struggled through incredible hardships to provide for themselves. He joined the Navy after graduating from high school and served on a destroyer during World War II. With the help of the GI Bill, he attended the University of Michigan after his naval career and earned several degrees, including his Ph.D. in nuclear physics in 1950.

After earning his doctorate, Dr. Beyster spent five years working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory before spending a dozen years with General Atomics in San Diego. His time there came to an end shortly after Gulf Oil acquired General Atomics. Dr. Beyster felt that senior management had little interest in the research his department was performing. He resolved to create a company where that would never be the case and which nurtured a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. That vision led to the creation of SAI, which changed its name to SAIC in 1984.

I served as Director of Community Relations for SAIC from 2002 to 2008 and will always remember fondly my time with the company. I was pleased to be present in Congress in 2009 when SAIC made the decision to relocate its headquarters from San Diego to my district in Tysons. I’m not sure anyone, including Dr. Beyster, could have foreseen the growth that this company would experience. What began as a \$50,000 loan with Dr. Beyster’s house as collateral has evolved into a \$7 billion Fortune 500 powerhouse. In 2013, SAIC bifurcated its company into two entities; Leidos, the solutions-focused parent company and a services business spin-off which carried on the SAIC name. I am confident that both of these companies will continue the fine legacy that has been left by Dr. Beyster, Roger Krone and so many others over the last 50 years.

The impact of Leidos and SAIC is not solely confined to a profit margin or a balance sheet. Both companies have received numerous accolades for their work in their communities, including being named one of the Best Places to Work by the Human Rights Campaign in 2017, receiving an Annual Corporate Equality Index Score of 100 percent and being named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute just last year. When I served as Director of Community Relations, I saw firsthand the engagement in and care for the community that SAIC/Leidos exhibited. The community was not merely where their facilities were located; it was their home and they treated it accordingly. We could all stand to learn from their example.